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Europe to monitor Japanese imports

BRUSSELS, Feb. 17 (AP) — The European Economic Community imposed a new surveillance system on Japanese imports Tuesday, and warned Japan that the flood of inexpensive products into Europe was causing "serious concern."

Foreign ministers of the 10 Common Market countries agreed to pool statistics on Japanese imports of television sets and tubes, automobiles and machine tools on a monthly rather than six-month basis, effective immediately.

The EEC ministers issued a declaration saying: "The situation as regards Japanese car exports continued to give rise to increasing and very serious concern." They said Japanese response to previous complaints have failed to "remove the foreign minister's concern."

They ordered European trade negotiators to press the issue at forthcoming meetings and said the issue of Japanese-Europe trade would be pushed to the forefront of the agenda at the July Western economic summit meeting scheduled for July.

West German Economics Minister Otto von Lambsdorff told reporters the ten EEC partners would be taking a very close look at Japanese imports for the first quarter of 1981 to see if Japan had moderated its exports policy.

West Germany has been especially hard hit by Japanese automobile exports.

In the first 11 months of 1980, Japan exported 49 per cent more cars to West Germany than it did in a comparable period in 1979. Automobile imports to the entire Common Market were up 24 per cent during the same period, up 35 per cent in the Netherlands and 29 per cent in Belgium. An EEC official, who gave the statistics, said these were the hardest-hit countries.

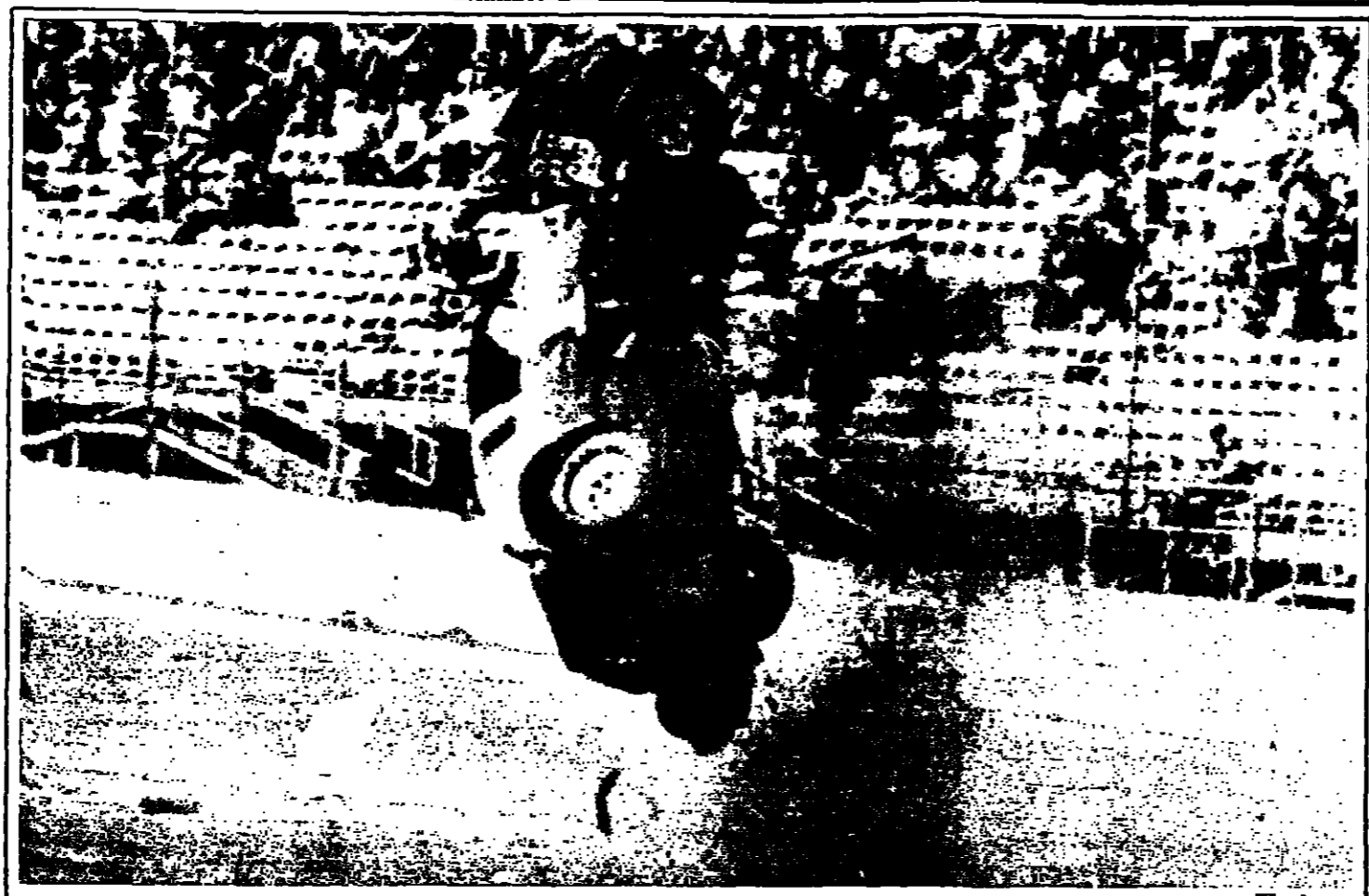
Televisions from Japan increased about 70 per cent in 1980 from 1979. Machine tool imports were up 60 per cent, he said.

Ertl under probe

WIESBADEN, Feb. 17 (AFP) — West German Agriculture Minister Josef Ertl is under investigation on suspicion of corruption, the prosecutor's office here said.

The probe involves \$4,000 paid into the Liberal Party's Bavarian federation, of which Ertl is president, by a package and glass firm in 1976.

Ertl is accused of using the money for his personal ends, although he and the firm, Tetra Pak of Hocheim near here, insist it went on encouraging schoolchildren to drink more milk.



AUTO ACROBATICS: Bob Ballentine takes his auto end over end down the front stretch at the Daytona Auto Classics, Florida, Sunday. Ballentine was injured and taken to hospital. Veteran American driver Richard Petty, 43, won the race.

26,000 coal miners go on indefinite strike

LONDON, Feb. 17 (R) — The 26,000 coal miners of south Wales went on strike Tuesday and urged the rest of Britain's 230,000 miners to join them in a national stoppage to reverse government plans to close uneconomic pits.

The threat of a national miners' strike presents the Conservative government with its biggest challenge since it came to power 21 months ago, according to the almost unanimous verdict of political commentators.

The miners last staged a national strike in the winter of 1974. That stoppage forced British industry to a three-day working week and led to the downfall of Edward Heath's Conservative administration in a subsequent general election.

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False jewels banned

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The Ministry of Commerce has decided to ban trading in false jewelry and semi-precious stones in the Kingdom.

In a statement issued Tuesday the Ministry warned goldsmith and jewelry shops against violating its decision.

It added that violators will be penalized under the Fraudulent Trade Act No. 138/18/45 and Jewelry Act No. 117 issued 28/6/1360H (1940).

The Ministry said that trading in false jewelry and semi-precious stones may entail fraudulent action, hence it decided on the ban.

Klibi raps plan to seat Egypt

BONN, Feb. 17 (R) — Arab League Secretary-General Cheddi Klibi has condemned a European parliament resolution calling for Egypt to be included in talks between the European Economic Community (EEC) and the Arab League. In a statement issued in Tunis and published Tuesday in Bonn, Klibi said the parliament's call was "a Zionist maneuver aimed at sabotaging the European-Arab dialogue at a time when both sides were trying to revive and develop it."

EEC and Arab League foreign ministers are due to hold a conference in summer. Egypt was expelled from the Arab League in 1979 for signing the Camp David accords with Israel.

Klibi said he was astonished by the European assembly's recommendation, which he called interference in the internal affairs of the Arab League.

Hostage deal found in order

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — A State Department review of a multi-billion dollar deal with Iran which led to the release of 52 American hostages has found no substantial legal obstacles to carrying it out, officials said Monday night. The agreement was negotiated by President Reagan's predecessor, Jimmy Carter, and bought freedom for the hostages on the day Reagan took office, Jan. 20.

Reagan, who had called the Iranians barbarians and kidnapers for holding the hostages, ordered the review before giving his endorsement, saying he did not want to sign a blank cheque.

Results of the review have been forwarded to the White House for Reagan's officials approval said. Members of Congress were expected to be briefed shortly, an indication that the White House would make public its decision on implementing the agreement this week.

Muskie and Christopher have said U.S. refusal to carry out the agreement would jeopardize its international credibility. Reagan has said he intends to honor the agreement, but qualified that by saying his administration is studying complex legal questions involved in the agreement.

To cure high blood-pressure Japanese hold animal yoga classes

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Hyper-tense animals unable to cope with the hustle and bustle of city life in Tokyo are joining their human masters for yoga classes. Cats, Dogs, Coats, raccoons, chimps, even a bird or two, are being brought by their loving owners for regular lessons in the 5,000-year-old art at an animal beauty parlor here.

The man who masterminded the idea, clinic director Shigenori Masuda, claims that needless fat is being eliminated and hyper-nervous pets are finding inner calm. "Yoga exercises help animals preserve their mental and corporal well-being," he explained in an interview.

Pets, he said, are subject to big pressures in cities, the main one being their daily confinement in tiny flats with no possibilities of country-style exercises. This deprivation produces such ills as feeble paws, continual yapping, bouts of deep nervous depression, obesity and, worst of all, sterility, Masuda says. And that is where yoga comes in.

Every month, about 100 twitching pets, mostly over-excited or oversized cats and dogs, are brought by their equally-nervous owners to Masuda's parlor. Courses last between one and three months, during which time the animals will learn up to 30 yoga positions.

To start with, instructors (human) teach them to take up a certain posture, which clever pets can frequently find again all by themselves after about one week's intensive coaching.

A program of three weekly lessons starts with the "death position," for which obliging pets lie motionless on their fronts, legs flung out to all points of the compass.

Then come the panda pose, the pyramid position, the penguin posture, and a host of others, most requiring a flair for acrobatics. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes and a month-long course will set a pet owner back by \$50.

The idea of yoga for animals came to Masuda in a flash several years ago after the discovery that his poodle had certain hidden qualities. "I was doing my yoga exercises at home when I noticed him behaving strangely," he said. "I suddenly realized he was trying to copy me."

Gradually, after carrying out "yoga tests" with 300 animals, the tireless Japanese grew convinced that this ancient art, developed by ancient Indian mystics seeking body and mental control, could be adapted quite easily for 20th-century-pampered pets. And five years ago, he opened his parlor.

Zoologists are sceptical, but a growing number of Japanese are signing up their animals for yoga courses.

Masuda stresses that cats and dogs are not his only clients. Raccoons, goats, rabbits and several birds have all joined the flock to learn yoga. But he has had to draw the line.

"A short while ago, I was approached by the owner of a crocodile," he said. "I had to point out that we are not yet ready for reptiles."

With IMF Lending talks in early stage

RIYADH, Feb. 17 — An informed source Tuesday denied press reports that Saudi Arabia was close to an agreement under which the International Monetary Fund would borrow up to \$5 billion annually for the next three years.

The source told Arab News Tuesday that talks with the IMF were still in a preliminary stage. "No agreement has been reached either on the volume of the loan or on the terms of lending," he said.

He added that "Saudi Arabia did not stipulate (at the current talks with the IMF) the accreditation of observer status to the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) at the IMF."

The source however did not say whether the question of the PLO status was raised with the IMF before the current Saudi-IMF negotiations started.

Last year Saudi Arabia and other Arab

Gulf states decided not to lend more money to the IMF unless the PLO was given observer status at the IMF and its sister organization, the World Bank.

The IMF and the World Bank resisted these demands at the interference of the United States.

But the United States, the biggest IMF member, will not make direct loans to the IMF because it is forbidden by congress to do so. Moreover the Reagan administration wants to trim its foreign aid, which broadly includes its contributions to the World Bank and IMF, political analysts said.

Press reports from Washington Monday claimed that Saudi Arabia and the IMF reached an agreement under which Saudi Arabia would lend the bank between \$3.7 and \$5 billion annually for the three years. The borrowing the reports said, was necessary for the bank to be able to meet financial commitments to member states to face economic recession.

Syria, Jordan discuss fate of missing envoy

BEIRUT, Feb. 17 (R) — Jordanian officials held top-level talks in Lebanon and Syria Tuesday in an attempt to secure the release of a senior Jordanian diplomat kidnapped in Beirut earlier this month. Acting Jordanian Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim conferred with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, while another mission led by former Cabinet Minister Hamad Al-Farhan met Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad.

Jordan has accused Syrian military intelligence of abducting Charge d'Affaires Hisham Mohaisen Feb. 6, but Syria has denied it and the ending to his severely strained relations between the two countries. There was still no word on the fate of the 42-year-old diplomat and security sources said there were growing fears for his safety.

Ibrahim told reporters he has conveyed a message to President Sarkis from Hussein about the affair.

Damascus radio meanwhile reported that Farhan discussed the issue at a meeting with President Assad and the Syrian interior and information ministers. The 10-member Jordanian delegation included the kidnapped diplomat's brother Jawdat Mohaisen, a member of Jordan's national consultative council (parliament).

No details of the talks were disclosed. Farhan was met at the border earlier Tuesday by Syrian Interior Minister Naseriddin Nasser, and Damascus radio quoted Brig. Nasser as saying Syria welcomed "all sons of the Arab nations," while Farhan said Jordan considered both countries and peoples to be one.

The statements contrasted sharply with the exchange of insults and allegations of terrorism which has been flowing between the two capitals for several months.

The conflict deepened last week when both sides withdrew from a joint border post on the main Damascus-Aman highway, and Jordan recalled its ambassador to Syria.

Arab diplomatic sources in Beirut said the unexpected truce indicated a real effort by both sides to avert a total break in relations.

Citizen donates SR5m

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — A Saudi Arabian national has donated SR5 million to charity organizations and Afghan freedom fighters.

Riyadh Governor Prince Salman said Tuesday that the anonymous donor gave SR1 million to the Riyadh Philanthropic Society; SR2 million to the Islamic Welfare Society; and the remaining SR2 million to the Afghan freedom fighters.

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Institute undertakes environment studies

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — The Meteorological Institute of King Abdul Aziz University is carrying out several projects oriented towards the study of Saudi Arabia's environment. Dr. Fawaz Al-Alami, the school's dean said.

The research will be used not only for a better scientific understanding of the Kingdom's environment, but for helping officials in various agencies understand how they can take into consideration what special obstacles the environment places in development's path. Dr. Alami said in a recent interview with Arab News.

"We have an arid environment which is a unique situation not only in the Arab world, but all over the world. To have a school which deals with this environment is a great asset to the university and the institute itself. So the research is usually pertinent to the environment," Dr. Alami said.

He added that from the environmental point of view, the research teams study the aridity of the Kingdom; from the environmental point of view, they study the water, air and solid waste pollution of the environment; from the hydrology and water resources point of view, they study water management, building of dams, the checking of the underground

tium for International Development (CID) lead by the University of Arizona. Chief of party for the U.S. universities staff is Dr. Jeff Eighmy.

Six months ago an institute committee, which deals with and refines research proposals submitted from the institute in cooperation with the eleven U.S. universities, agreed to nine proposals for local research. It was the first meeting for the committee and the research proposals were the results of the institute's efforts.

Some major research projects deal with air quality monitoring. One investigation is aimed at evaluating particulate matter concentrations over the major Saudi Arabian cities. Five major cities of Riyadh, Dhahran, Medina, Mecca and Jeddah were selected to conduct measurements for dust-fall. In Jeddah, different types of particulates will be monitored. These include smoke, suspended and deposited matter. In addition chemical and physical analysis will be performed.

A much larger air pollution project has been undertaken by the institute's vice dean, Dr. Omar Sabbagh, to study the air quality of the Western Region. Dr. Sabbagh will place air-monitoring stations in Mecca, Medina, Jeddah and Mina; the data on air quality can be monitored from the stations simultane-



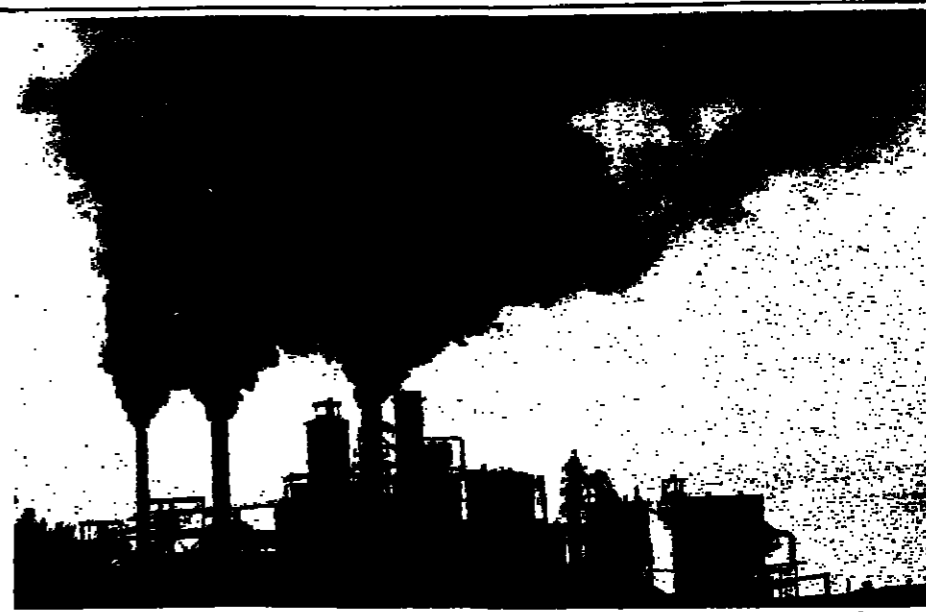
Dr. Fawaz Al-Alami

"Here again it will be the first step in what we hope to see as ongoing and continued spin-off type research to provide the baseline information," Dr. Eighmy said. "The problem is — the very basic problem, what's out there, what do we have to work with. And before you can begin to do anything you sort or have to describe it. And this is what we're going to do," he added.

"We're not saying we're the only ones studying the environment so everyone can make good plans, I think many people in positions of responsibility in Saudi Arabia are interested and sensitive to this," Eighmy said.

He pointed out that one of the responsibilities of the institute from the scientific view is that they are interested in continually refining their understanding of the environment and growth trends.

"We have a job that's never going to be finished. After industrialization is here our job won't be finished, we will continually try to provide information to improve our plans and use of this area," he added.



RESEARCH: The Meteorological Institute at King Abdul Aziz University is undertaking tests to study pollution in the Western Region. Results are intended to be of practical value for developers of the country.

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water systems and organize courses to teach the people who need to know a little bit more about the management of water resources overground. From the arid lands and agriculture point of view, the institute deals with plant production, range management and forestry.

An agreement was signed in 1980 between the Kingdom's Minister of Finance Sheikh Muhammad Aba al Khail and the United States Secretary of Treasury G. William Miller to conduct the joint studies. According to Dr. Alami, the agreement calls for supplying the institute with a high-caliber academic staff, support the administration and technical assistance of the institute and conduct research in Saudi Arabia and the United States pertinent to the arid land situation of the Kingdom. This is done jointly with 11 U.S. universities organized under a Consor-

ously and sent back by telecommunications to a central base where preliminary data reduction and quality analysis is performed.

According to Dr. Eighmy, one project involves an effort involving the environmental sciences department and deals with decision analysis. The project will involve taking with ministers and officials to get their ideas where and how they decide when environmental parameters become problems.

Another area of research will be a survey of the entire western coast in the Jeddah region from aerial photography. Investigators from the Arid Lands Studies school will look at the geomorphology (dealing with the earth's relief features) of the area and build a series of maps that can be used as planning documents, or source material for construction. In addition they will map drainage areas and calculate different types of vegetation cover, and that will produce a regional survey.

Retirement diversifies

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Director General of the Pension Department, Faisal Al-Muammar, said Tuesday that the department's investment fund has ventured into new investment fields including construction work. The investment fund also holds shares in several companies which include the Saudi-Kuwaiti Cement Company, and plans to participate in the Diplomatic District Project in Riyadh, according to Okaz.

Garbage removal discussed

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Deputy Jeddah Mayor Dr. Hassan Hajra represented Jeddah at a meeting of the mayors of Riyadh, Mecca, Dammam and Jeddah. The meeting discussed means of removing garbage piles from the cities to improve the standard of cleanliness.

Officials check pharmacies

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Riyadh's Health Directorate carried out a comprehensive campaign on pharmacies in Riyadh and surrounding areas that included Kharj, Majma and Zilfi. The campaign aims at checking the standards of pharmacies and improving them.

\$5m to help humanities

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Riyadh University granted a \$5 million loan to a U.S. university to promote scientific research and studies in humanities. Al-Jazirah said Tuesday that the loan was granted to Briston University after five years of discussions between officials of the two universities. The loan highlights the Kingdom's keenness to support humanities and "need of the U.S. university for the loan," the paper said.

All in Manama

MANAMA, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank, arrived here from Doha Monday evening on the third leg of a three-day tour which already took him to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. He briefed the finance ministers of the two countries on the bank's achievements and the draft agenda of the meeting March 3-5, in Khartoum of the IDB's board of governors.

Standards group meets

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The Board of the Saudi Arabian Standardization Organization met Tuesday under Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim. It discussed, among other things, the writing of relevant information in Arabic on imported and locally manufactured commodities which it deemed necessary.

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The 15th racing event of the season was held Monday afternoon at Al-Malazz Ferroussoya (Horse Racing) Club near here. Prizes for the five races totaled SR 70,000.

Hammad returns to Kingdom

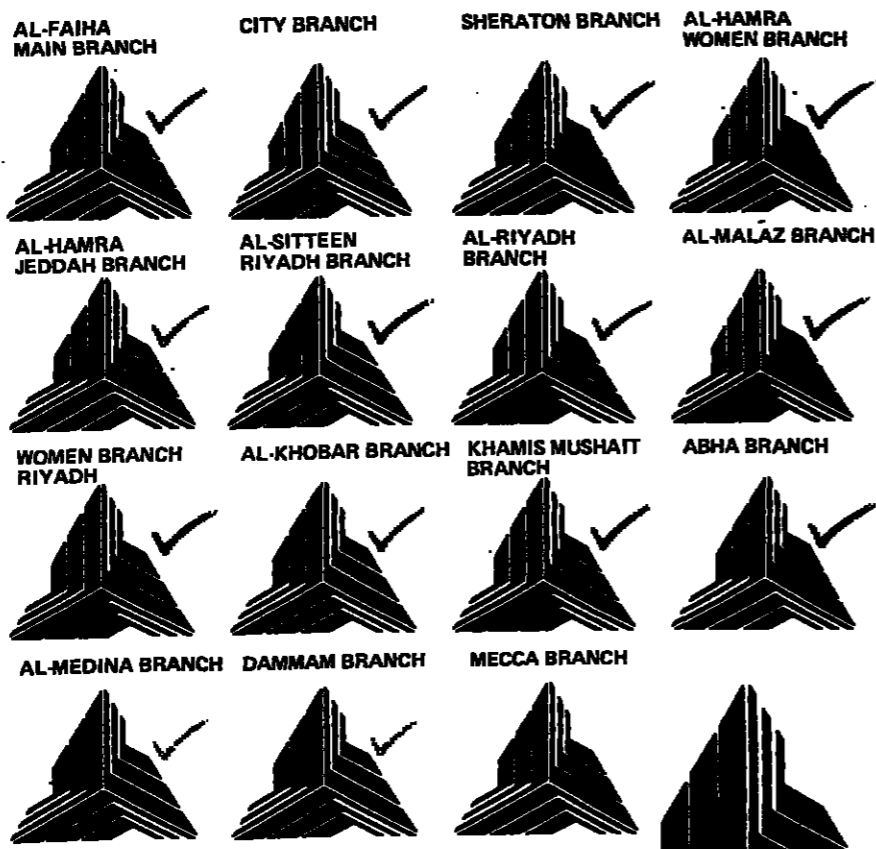
RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Chief of General Staff, Gen. Muhammad Al-Saleh Al-Hammad, returned here Monday evening from a three-day visit to Bahrain. In a departure statement in Manama, he said he discussed with his counterpart Brig. Sheikh Khalifa bin Ahmad Al-Khalifa, military cooperation and coordination between the two countries. He hailed the high standard and proficiency of the Bahraini armed forces.

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Ishraq	6.54	6.58	6.30	6.19	6.43	7.15
Dhuhr	12.35	12.36	12.07	11.54	12.18	12.48
Asr	3.51	3.50	3.21	3.06	3.30	3.58
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U.S. wants Egypt to allow N-warships through Suez

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (R) — The United States has been secretly negotiating with Egypt to allow American nuclear warships to use the Suez Canal, well-informed sources said Tuesday. According to the sources, one idea under review is that Egypt set safety standards for nuclear shipping that could be met by American naval vessels but would probably bar Soviet nuclear submarines from the waterway.

Negotiations have taken place methodically over many months but no agreement had been reached by last November's U.S. elections when the talks were frozen to give the new Reagan administration time to study the question, the sources said.

Egypt has always been wary about allowing nuclear shipping through the waterway linking the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. According to a Western defense official, no nuclear vessel is known to have passed through the 160-kilometer waterway.

An Egyptian defense ministry official said the present policy was to bar all nuclear vessels whether or not they were carrying nuclear weapons. Conventional warships are allowed to use the canal.

Informed sources said the Pentagon's

By legislators

Kenya bars trips to Israel

NAIROBI, Feb. 17 (AP) — A Kenyan news magazine has said that the government has barred four legislators from visiting Israel as guests of the Knesset (parliament). The

Weekly Review, an influential, independent weekly, said in its latest issue that the four members of the national assembly invited to visit Israel included Gac Salat, a deputy minister in the office of President Daniel Arap Moi, and Moses Keino, deputy speaker of parliament. It noted that another member invited, Kassange Mula, is chairman of parliament's foreign affairs committee.

The magazine said the invitation was apparently one of a series of overtures from Israel to Kenya, the last African nation to break diplomatic relations with Israel following the October 1973 Middle East war.

Syria vows to resist Israel

DAMASCUS, Feb. 17 (R) — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul-Rauf Al-Kasm has said Syria is determined to continue resisting Israeli attacks on Lebanon and violation of its air space.

Addressing visiting Lebanese industry and oil minister Muhammad Beydoun Monday, Kasm said Syria "is always ready to resist Israeli attacks on Lebanese territory and airspace, and attempts to violate Lebanon's

interest in gaining access for its nuclear fleet heightened after the downfall in January, 1979, of the late Shah of Iran. Concerned about the danger of Soviet encroachment on the Gulf, Washington raised the issue with the Egyptian government, which has long favored a stronger U.S. military presence in the region, they said.

Egypt has always cited safety as its chief concern about opening the canal to nuclear warships. According to the sources, the U.S. has been discussing installing a system of ecological safety checks along the canal that would be passed by American vessels but prove difficult for Soviet submarines to meet.

The system would cost millions of dollars, but the U.S. has offered to pay, calculating it would get its money back in time and expense saved in using the canal instead of taking the long route around Africa, one source said.

A Western military official said the United States, whose nuclear fleet includes surface vessels, probably had more to gain from access to the canal than the Soviet Union. He also questioned whether Moscow would want to risk its submarines being exposed to close Western intelligence surveillance by using the waterway.

Qaddafi allays Sudan fears

TRIPOLI, Feb. 17 (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi has assured Sudan that it has nothing to fear from Libyan troops despite their push into neighboring Chad. Libya's official news agency Jana reported. "The leader (Qaddafi) calmed down Sudan and affirmed that Libyan forces will not cross the Sudanese borders," Jana said. It said Qaddafi "stressed that Libya's armed forces will defend Sudan if the country suffers from foreign aggression but we will never use our forces to attack it."

Jana said Qaddafi made the comments in an interview with the "Voice of Germany" radio station. An estimated 4,000 Libyan troops with tanks helped Chad President Goukouni Oueddei triumph last year in the Chad civil war.

Shamir flies for U.S. talks

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir flew to New York Tuesday for talks with American leaders, saying Israel believed negotiations on Palestinian autonomy should be resumed. He told reporters that Israel's general elections in June was no reason to delay continuation of the talks, which could contribute to peace in the area.

The autonomy talks between Israel, Egypt and the U.S. have made negligible progress, with Israel refusing to contemplate any substantial powers of self-rule for the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Shamir said that in his talks in Washington with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, he would express Israel's objections to any massive sale of advanced weapons to Arab states or other Middle East countries by either the U.S. or Western Europe.

"The United States will bear our arguments on this, and our feeling that such weapons present a threat to peace," he said. Other subjects to be raised are the security arrangements in Sinai toward the final phase of the Israeli withdrawal and the possibility of a meeting between President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Menahem Begin after Reagan meets Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Shamir will ask Washington to contribute knowhow and experts to Israel's arms industry, the *Jerusalem Post* said Tuesday. He will also request permission for Israel to export arms containing American components the paper added.

Nuclear non-proliferation

Treaty ratified by Egypt

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (AP) — Egypt's parliament has ratified a government decision to join an international treaty on nuclear non-proliferation after the legislators were told that the step has become a necessity for developing the country's energy resources. Egypt signed the treaty in 1968 but delayed ratification until Israel joined the accord, a move Israel resisted taking so far.

But Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali told parliament Monday that ratification would help Egypt benefit from guarantees provided by the U.N. Security Council enabling members of the treaty obtain a nuclear bomb from those who own such dreadful weapons in case of exposure to a nuclear threat.

"Egypt has the capabilities and possibilities to manufacture a nuclear bomb," Ali commented when an opposition member said that by ratifying the treaty, Egypt would be bowing to Israel, according to the Middle East News Agency.

Ali also repeated a statement he made before the Shura council, an advisory panel officially called senate, that Egypt has persuaded Israel during the latest U.N. General Assembly session to agree to a draft proposal for declaring the Middle East a nuclear-free zone.

France agreed last week to provide with two nuclear power generating stations with a capacity of 2,000 megawatts, the necessary fuel and technology to operate them during a visit to Paris by President Anwar Sadat. The French agreement came four days after the Shura council endorsed joining the treaty.

Ali said ratification would also help finalize a tentative agreement reached in December 1979 with the United States on nuclear cooperation. He said studies by Egyptian and American experts estimated Egypt's needs to about eight stations with a capacity of 1,000 megawatts each during the coming 20 years. Sadat is expected to sign the ratification documents soon, according to

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DAMASCUS, (R) — The Palestine National Council (PNC) will hold its 15th session next April at which a new Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) executive committee would be chosen, PNC Chairman Khaled Fahoum said in Damascus Monday.

METULLAH, (AP) — Seven armed men were intercepted near the village of Kafra, Northern Israel, by Dutch troops of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), a spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping body said Tuesday.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Two Egyptians who were arrested at the international book fair here on Jan. 29 for handing out anti-Israeli leaflets were set free at the weekend, informed sources said Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Two Americans imprisoned in North Yemen for allegedly spying for Israel were released Feb. 8, the State Department announced Monday night.

West Germany affirms support for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 17 (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has assured Pakistani leaders that his country will support Pakistan in order to improve the security of the region. Genscher, on a two-day official visit, gave the assurance Monday during talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi.

After the talks, Shahi told newsmen: "Both sides had an essential identity of outlook as regards the regional situation and the problem of Afghanistan." He said he and Genscher also discussed the Iran-Iraq war and the potential for further conflict in the region.

Genscher told reporters that West Germany is "interested in maintaining the territorial integrity and stability of Pakistan."

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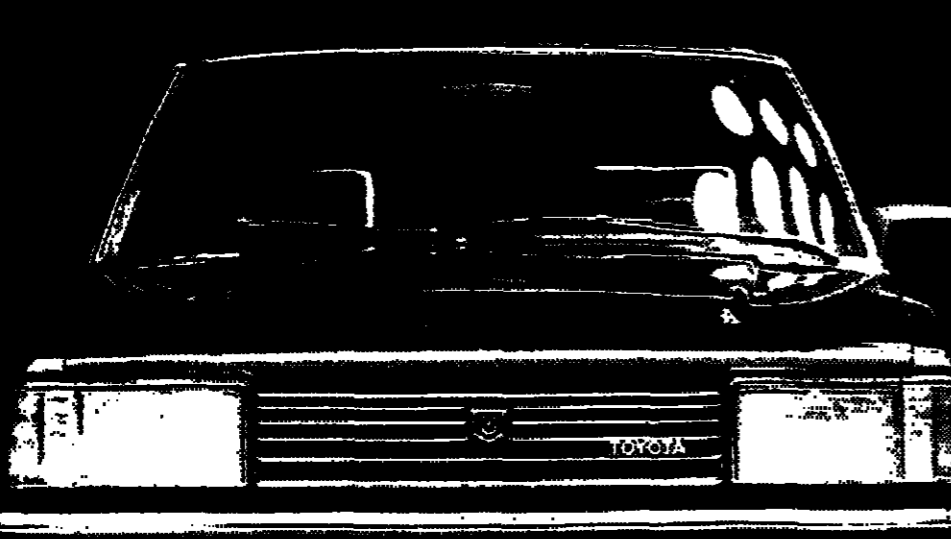
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Water shortage in New York

By Michele Abruzzi

NEW YORK. (R) — New York City, which survived a total blackout in 1977 and hovered on the brink of bankruptcy in 1978, is now facing an acute water scarcity. New York and the surrounding area with an estimated 17 million people are suffering the area's worst drought since the mid-1960s, and the forecast is not encouraging.

January was the region's driest month in a century, according to the U.S. National Weather Service. Some New Yorkers, who pride themselves on their ability to cope, are dutifully taking three-minute showers and brushing their teeth with barely wet brushes. But city officials, worried by long-range forecasts that show below average rainfall for the next three months, are urging residents on to greater sacrifices. Otherwise, they say, next summer could become unbearable.

New York, where 90 degree Fahrenheit (32C) summer temperatures are aggravated by high humidity, may have to turn off water completely for several hours a day and ban or limit the air conditioning. Bottled water, considered a luxury in the city said to have the best tasting tap water in the United States, could become a necessity.

The familiar sight of city children playing in the spray of fire hydrants will disappear. But right now, the problem is to convince New Yorkers that the problem is a real one. "It is hard to convince people in the dead of winter that there is a drought when you don't have cow bones bleaching on 42nd Street in the noonday sun," says Francis McArdle, the city's Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

He said that if the worst came to the worst, one measure he would take would be to pump treated sewage effluent through water mains

after warning people not to drink it. But Joseph Conway, the city's Director of Water Supply, said New York had no intention of allowing the reservoirs to dry out completely.

Conway said that an unused pumping station on the Hudson river north of the city was being rehabilitated to provide purified river water if necessary. Water to vacant buildings was being cut off an electronic equipment was being used to detect leaks. Fountains have

lions of water a day.

But the city's reservoirs have dropped below 28 per cent of capacity, compared with 85.4 per cent at this time last year. The Delaware River Basin Commission, which controls half of New York city's water supply, cut 40 million gallons a day, on Jan. 15.

The commission, consisting of the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania, banned non-essential use of

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been turned off, street cleaning vehicles are using well or river water and the Fire Department has told its fireboats to use ocean water.

Mayor Ed Koch who created a stir when he had the city's radio station broadcast the names of men convicted of patronizing prostitutes, now wants to publish the names of water wastrels. Blue and white signs in the subways, endorsed by Koch and McArdle, read: "Help keep New York wet — save water."

Conservation and other measures taken by the city are at present saving 71 million gal-

water for almost 500 communities in the four states. Four days later, when the city was using its usual 1.5 billion gallons of water a day, Koch declared a drought emergency and required that commercial users cut consumption by 15 per cent and residential users by 25 per cent.

If consumption has not dropped to 1.25 billion gallons a day by April 1, phase two of the emergency takes effect. This requires greater conservation and prohibits watering lawns, filling swimming pools etc. Under phase three, pressure in water mains would be lowered and water-saving devices installed on shower heads and taps.

How safe is 'all-proof' fortress

By Katharine Whitcomb

LONDON. (OSS) — The news that an entire estate in California is to be built as a sort of luxury fortress for the rich — special guards, extra security locks on everything, bullet-proof begonias in the flower beds — is enough to make smile delightedly.

The prospective owners of the house on this lot are all so dripping with money that the idea of an introductory offer of a Rolls Royce had to be dropped — there was hardly anyone who hadn't already got one. What they think they are buying is safety and peace of mind; and I wouldn't deny that they may be going to sleep slightly quieter at night than, say, a single girl in a red-light district with faulty locks on the door and no porter in the lift.

But I would take a sizeable bet that once the entire outfit is completed one or all of the following things will happen.

First, some of the security locks and bolts and alarms will not, in practice, be set,

because it's all such an almighty bother. We could all lie safer in our beds at night with nine locks on the bedroom door, except that means nine locks to undo and fasten up again if you go to the bathroom in the night, so the hell with it.

Second, at least one of the security guards will turn out to be someone with a keen eye for all those mink coats, impressionists and diamonds as big as the Ritz; and, even if they screen out everyone who has ever stolen so much as a Hershey bar, why then, someone with a blameless record will suddenly yearn to dirty it.

Third, any such well-advertised castle of treasures will automatically become a status symbol for every self-respecting criminal. Where once all the villains would plan how to attack Fort Knox, they will now scheme and dream about getting inside this one. Someone, too, will make a caper movie about how to get into it, and it would not be astonishing if one of the cameramen suddenly found he'd picked up an ormoju ashtray or two.

They might, with luck, find a few of the Mafia bosses anxious to move in with them — there's a stretch of grand real estate near London which gets almost no burglaries, because all the big gangsters live there. But even that has its hazards: what would happen if you accidentally stepped on one of the family's Pekinese?

However, the main reason for the unkind laughs is not any of this. It is because, when you've had a burglary or a break-in, let alone a rape or a beating-up, one of the worst of the things you suffer is that it leaves you in a state of fear. You don't like to walk alone because someone may come at you; you hesitate to wear your favorite ring because someone may steal it; and, you dare not leave home without locking and re-locking everything three times and worrying yourself sick while you're out.

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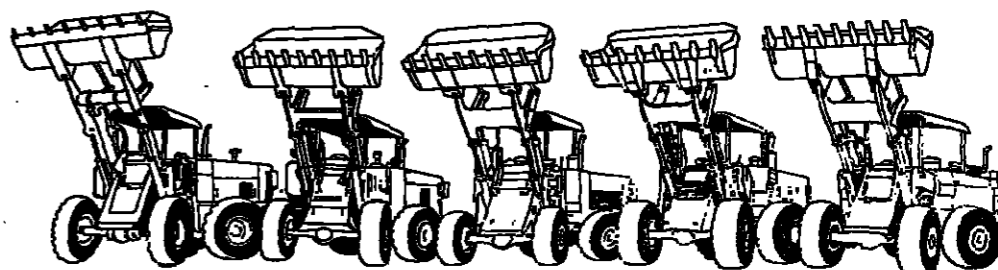
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The unspoiled charm of high Yemen

By Paul Langley

JEDDAH — We departed from Jeddah airport with the glow of a morning sun creeping up from behind the distant sand-dunes. A breakfast of crepes Normandy and a climb to 3,200 feet brought us eventually to Sana'a, the capital of the Yemen Arab Republic. Walking across the tarmac towards the airport terminal we were greeted by a throng of locals waving from the roof. Our host for the holiday was John McPherson, 2nd Secretary at the British Embassy. Loading our bags into the embassy car we headed toward downtown.

Yemen is a country with continual sunshine but the additional comfort of a regular rain-shower and a mild cooling breeze. We were surrounded by greenery — morning glory shooting up the walls, sweetcorn tassels waving in the garden and streets lined with a desert willow. Dust, sun, green and antiquity — we had arrived into a country quite unique.

Dumping our bags, we made a dash to the Sheba Hotel for a lunch. After lunch we travelled southward leaving Sana'a behind. Our destination was the town of Taiz nestling among the hills. A spectacular journey with the added thrill of an electric storm — skies flashing up behind the mountains with our lone car laboring on through the floods.

Every 25 miles or so we were stopped by a police checkpoint. The policemen dressed immaculately in Khaki uniforms were young boys and nearly always chewing qat. What was this strange plant? Small, green and bushy, the qat plant was growing everywhere and the familiar pattern soon revealed itself — qat twigs picked first thing in the morning — taken down from the mountains to be sold at the morning market. Bartering for the best price (a days supply costs about £5) and then home for an afternoon of chewing. A store of pulp is made in the left cheek, creating an enormous abscess-like bulge. Chewing the cud and drinking "Pepsi" you slowly lose your tensions and inhibitions and escape to fantasy. An entire population constantly getting high in the hazy afternoon sun. The journey through the mountains took over four hours and upon reaching Taiz night had fallen and the town was an enchanting mass of candle-lit dwellings sparkling in the silent air.

behind the shop adjoining the landmark mosque. Seated upon mats on the floor and eating with our fingers we enjoyed a nourishing meal of rice, curry, lamb and grain. A can of peaches was opened for dessert and we then moved into the salon. The entire afternoon was spent in this remarkable household.

A room crammed with people; brothers, sisters, uncles, nieces. Smoking the hubble bubble and getting high on qat we could never have hoped for a more enjoyable afternoon. The experience was overwhelming and it was with great reluctance that we drew ourselves away seven hours later. Escorted through the alleyways to our car we bid goodbye to our generous hosts and spent the rest of the evening high in the mountain which overlooks the town. Crickets humming in the greenery, howling dogs in the distance and the echo of prayers from the mosque, we all sat without speech. Our fascinating encounter had knocked us all into silence and it was with the friends in mind that we ended the day.

Awaking exceptionally early I decided upon a lone stroll around town. Leaving a note for John, I sat watching day break and soon found myself in the suq again. Stalls were beginning to open and for breakfast I chose a freshly grilled sweetcorn with herbal tea. Today my camera brought enemies. Taking a photograph of a spice shop interior (complete with Arabic scales and lazng kittens) I soon found the owner chasing me through the streets in anger. The owner thought my camera was pagan and that the shop was now cursed. I managed to shake the owner off and feeling it wise to escape the area I boarded a taxi to the other side of town where I chose a kerbside stone to sit down, relax and take in more of the atmosphere.

Joined by an old man, and later a small boy, they both sat on either side and with limited speech we made simple exchanges.

I was particularly moved by an incident which occurred when I got up to leave. We had been together for about 40 minutes... the old man had offered drink and cigarettes and made a strained effort at communication. The boy, however, had remained silent since whenever he tried to attract my attention the old man had cut him short and ordered him to

introduced ourselves we were surprised by the warm reception. Recognizing that our chief interest lay in the fort, the villagers led us up along the best paths to the fort. Mist was still swirling all around and with the wind howling through the solid stone walls we were transfixed far into another time. Intricate dungeons, elaborate water wells...an amazing place. Stumbling back down the mountain-side we had time for a brief look around the small settlement.

The tribal riches were put on display — silver bedouin jewelry, rare stones and ancient Yemeni daggers inlaid with silver reliefs. As the women-folk began to light the candles we knew that we should return back to Sana'a and were accompanied down the road by children. Waving goodbye they presented us all with bunches of strong-smelling flowers which they had been secretly collecting from the hills throughout the afternoon.

The mist had now cleared and the sky was illuminated by the blaze of the setting sun. Many police checks later we rumbled down into Sana'a and ended the day back in the villa with a chicken broast. Awaking early, a marmalade breakfast gave way to a morning wander through Sana'a. Since this was our final day in the Yemen we were naturally quite subdued. Our final taste of "Arabia Felix". Inching our way through the streets we both insisted on souvenirs. The date and raisin merchant by the city gate gave us a corn on the cob and, sitting down to observe the tiny children setting up shop in the streets to sell their jacket potatoes, we were forced to accept one free of charge.

Live sheep and chickens were being carried home over the shoulder and the ladies were drying up vegetables in the kerbside. As the



A qat-seller in Taiz

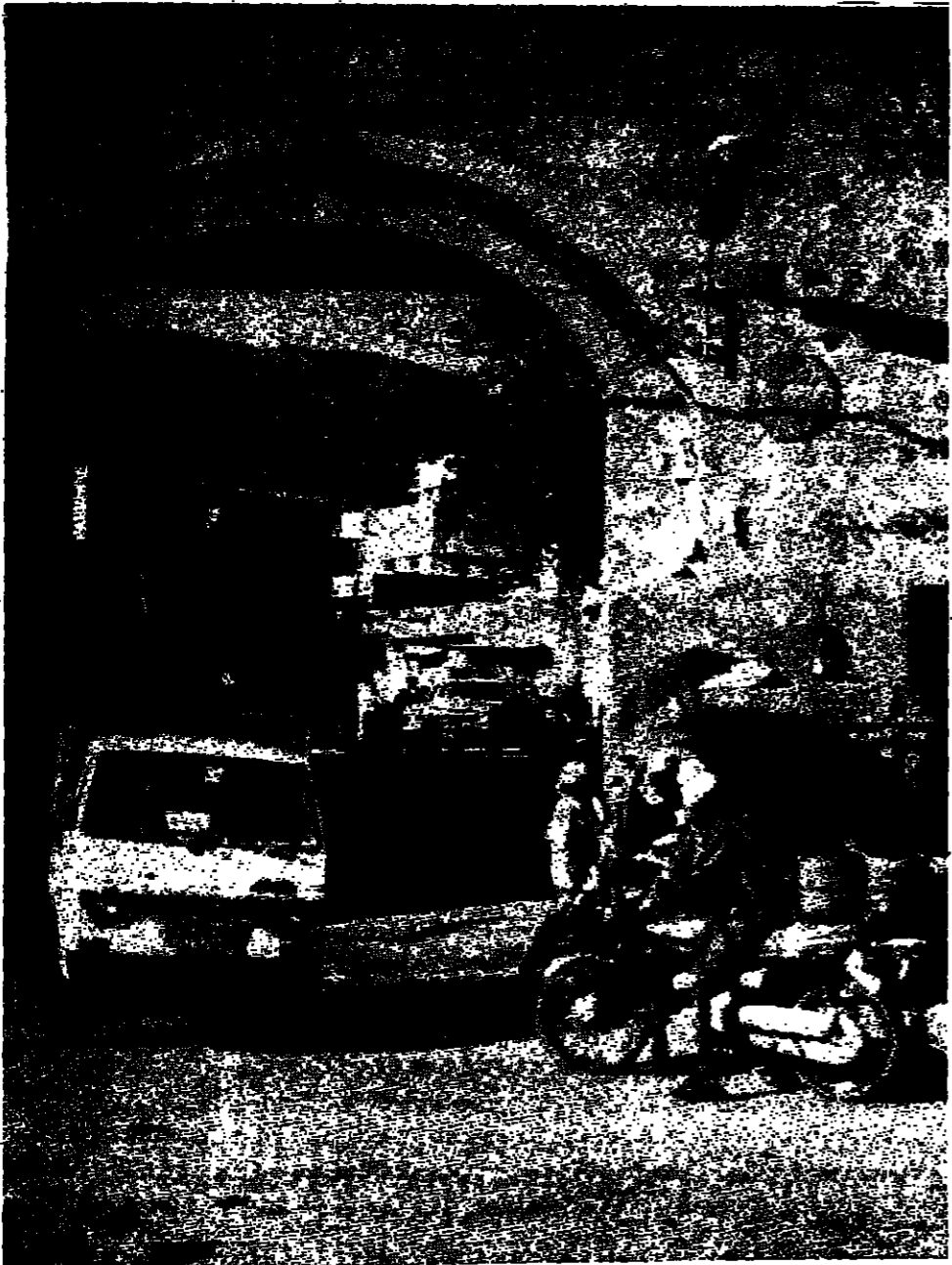
'midday sun streamed over the town and everyone prepared for their session of qat we decided to take a massage at the Sheba. This hotel is run exclusively by Indians and the massage was perfect... head, cheeks, toes and fingertips; we walked away refreshed and renewed. Our afternoon excursion was to Wandi-Dar — a green oasis 10 miles outside Sana'a.

The most exciting feature of the oasis was no natural characteristic but something

man-made; a fantastic rock palace. The home of the former king until the late 50's, the palace was built as an excellent defensive since, perched high on a cliffside, it commanded views for miles around. By handing over 20 riyals to the caretaker we were able to obtain the keys and have a wander round. All the treasures had been stolen or otherwise removed but it was nevertheless quite enjoyable exploring the empty rooms and hidden passages. After the spectacular sunset which threw a soft red light across the valley, we

headed back to Sana'a and had supper in "Sam City" hotel.

The adventure was complete...our return flight to Jeddah was at 7:20 the following morning and it had naturally come around far too soon. Having fallen in love with the Yemen, I was intoxicated by crazy ideas of moving to live off the land and surrender all to this remarkable country. With the thrusting jet bringing us back into Jeddah our every thoughts were with "Arabian Felix."



The gate to the suq

Our transit home was a romantic plant-covered hill villa. Standing on the balcony, we had the sleepy town below... lazy and quiet but for the slow turn of a humble light-strewn ferris wheel in the distance. Exhausted and overwhelmed from the excitement of our journey we retired to bed and in a silent slumber lay nibbled by the mosquitoes.

Awaking early, the second day in the Yemen began with a morning of drama. A leak in the gas stove resulted in a minor explosion and, with singed eye-lashes and sized fringe, we rushed into the bathroom and doused in cold water. Breakfast on the patio was subsequently late and our day didn't begin until 10.30 a.m. Our destination was the suq an ancient antiquity encased within tall, crumbling walls. Children swarming everywhere... playing with goats, skipping with ropes and beaming with smiles.

Thrilled because I had taken his photograph, a small Yemeni boy was soon grabbing hold of my hand and urging me to follow. He was eager to ensure I didn't miss the best views and was ever willing to pose before the panorama. The acquaintance grew and I now found myself being taken through narrow streets eventually reaching a tiny grocery shop. Here we found the boy's father surrounded by a multitude of children... his family. The brothers, armed with air pistols, were shooting at targets on the wall. They urged me to try and were thoroughly amused at my miserable efforts to score. Not speaking Arabic myself, communications were difficult but it soon became apparent that we were invited to lunch. The house was situated immediately

keep quiet. Leaving the roadside I shook the old's hand, said goodbye and then moved to do likewise with the young boy. My hand was eagerly accepted and the boy bowed his head to kiss it three times. The absolute expression of Arabic friendship and the sort of warmth which was radiated throughout the entire stay in Taiz. We naturally left the town unwillingly.

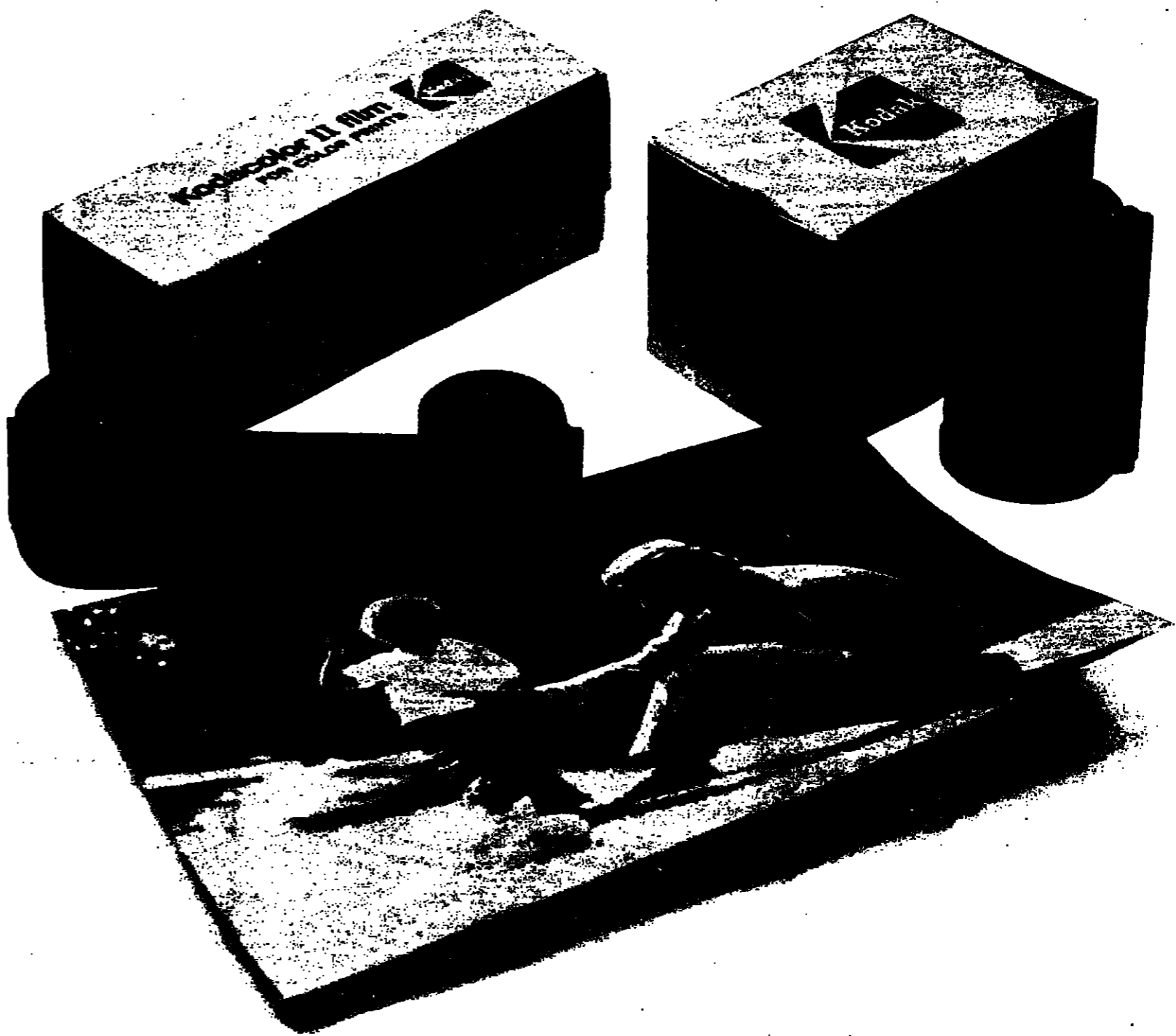
The return journey to Sana'a in daylight was spectacular. The sun was shining from an unbroken blue sky and with so much beautiful scenery the vehicle was continually stopping on the wayside.

We stopped at Ibb, a romantic hill town, where we found ourselves being invited for afternoon tea with the Egyptian school teacher. Hens and livestock filled the streets, children greeted us with salutes and old men on corners were offering for us to try their qat. Rain was beginning to fall, and when we resumed our ascent home we found ourselves encased within the clouds...a deep dense mist making the mountain roads more treacherous than ever. Chewing on the apples we had bought at Ibb, we were suddenly distracted by a looming form to our right. With the mist momentarily clearing we found that it was in fact a Turkish fort perched high on the mountain. Presumably, we were now on one of the highest peaks in the region.

As we parked the vehicle we saw the tribal village at the base of the fort and the many curious faces geared in our direction. As we kicked our heels up the track and nervously

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From Cape Canaveral

Space center begins
Columbia countdown

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Feb. 17 (R) — American space experts have begun a formal countdown for one of the last and most important tests of the U.S. space shuttle — a 20-second firing later this week of the revolutionary spacecraft's three main rocket engines. The two-and-a-half-day countdown, identical to the pre-launch procedure, began at the Kennedy space center here

U.S. envoy raps
critics of
S. Africa policy

GENEVA, Feb. 17 (R) — A representative of the new U.S. administration has condemned South Africa's apartheid policy but questioned the motives of critics whose governments did not observe even minimal standards of human rights.

Richard Schifter told the United Nations Human Rights Commission Monday that the United States abhorred apartheid. But "strident rhetoric and calls for radical action" could encourage violence in South Africa or harden opposition to change, he said. "We cannot or will not aid or abet terrorism or terrorists," Schifter said. He urged the commission to support South Africans of all races who stood for peaceful change.

Schifter did not name any country but told the 43-nation commission during its debate on South Africa: "We have reason to question the motivations of those who mount criticism of the human rights record of other countries when their own systems of government fail to observe even minimal standards of human rights."

Monday night and will continue until just after dawn Thursday, when the three giant engines will be ignited together for the first time.

The brief test, during which the engines will be brought up to full power, and then throttled back to 60 per cent thrust, is one of the last milestones that must be passed before the shuttle's first launch, now scheduled for sometime in the middle of April. Throughout the countdown the reusable shuttle craft, called *Columbia*, will remain posed on launch complex 39, along with its enormous blimp-like liquid fuel tank and its two extra rocket boosters. The two solid fuel boosters will not be fired during the test, thus preventing an actual launch.

In addition to testing the shuttle's engines, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) officials will also be checking the extremely complex computer programs and advanced electronics to be used in the launching.

These tests are important because the shuttle system is totally new and most of it — both software and hardware — has never been used before. The countdown already has been delayed several days by minor technical problems. Delays, however, are not new to the shuttle program. It is already two years behind schedule and has cost almost \$3 billion more than its original price tag of \$5 billion.

Despite the delays and rising expenses, the shuttle remains the key to all of the United States' space efforts for the rest of the century. By the middle of the 1980's NASA plans to have a fleet of four or five reusable shuttle craft ferrying men and equipment into orbit as frequently as once every two weeks.



WAITING FOR BARGAIN: Hundreds of people camped overnight at Logan International Airport in Boston and later stood in line five abreast Sunday in the hope of flying to New York and back for less than the price of a cup of coffee. The low fare of 29 cents, offered by New York Air, was only for the day.

Tragedies narrated

Ireland mourns fire victims

DUBLIN, Ireland, Feb. 17 (AP) — As the nation mourned the 44 victims of Saturday's horrendous fire at the Stardust nightclub, personal tragedies began to emerge from the row houses of working class north Dublin.

The close-knit McDermott family, whose 20-year-old son, Willie, was identified among the dead, was in a state of shock. For still missing more than 60 hours after the holocaust at the Young People's Disco were another son, Georg, 19, and daughter Marcella, aged 17. Just four days ago, the McDermotts were a happy family looking forward to the wedding soon of eldest son, Jimmy, 23. Now they wait in desperation in the hope that somehow, somewhere their two missing loved ones will turn up safely.

Ironically, father James Bridget is a fireman at Dublin's Tara Urrset station. Every few hours Monday he made the grim trip to the city mortuary for the latest news. As of Monday afternoon, only 24 of the victims had been identified, the other bodies being charred beyond recognition.

Mrs. Bridget McDermott was under sedation, and the couple's children Jimmy 23, June 22, Brenda 21, Louise 14, and Celine 11, maintained a despairing vigil in the family row house in the Raheny district of north Dublin. Neighbors and friends offered their support.

Mrs. Christine Keegan lost two daughters, Mary 19, and Martina 17. A third, Antoinette, is recovering in hospital. "I sent my three daughters out and they looked beautiful. Now I have lost two of them," she said tearfully Monday.

Reid, her badly burned face and hands in bandages, smiled despite the pain as she lay in a bed at Dublin's James hospital. "I'm alive and it's great," she said. The 22-year-old Dubliner described what happened in the early hours Saturday toward the end of a *Dance the night away*.

The fire, the worst in Irish capital's history, injured 130 people. Nine were reported in critical condition Monday.

"There were six of us together, dancing away. Then we saw the fire... within minutes the flames seemed to be everywhere. I ran to a back door, but there was a crowd gathered at it and somebody said it was locked. I couldn't breathe in the smoke and I couldn't get out... I gave up, I just gave up and lay on the ground to die... Then suddenly I heard a great crash and I saw headlights shining at me through the darkness.

"Somebody had driven a car from outside through the door to smash it down. I just leaped up and ran to the lights and then I was outside. Whoever drove that car into the door deserves a medal because all around me people were choking on the floor. We all ran to the lights and lived," she said.

UNESCO draft plan
for newsmen opposed

PARIS, Feb. 17 (R) — Proposals for an international commission to protect journalists met stiff opposition from Western journalists at a meeting called by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) here Monday.

Western representatives objected particularly to suggestions that the proposed commission would issue identity cards to journalists on dangerous assignments. They said this would amount to licensing correspondents and so damage press freedom. But delegates from journalists' groups in Asia, Africa and Latin America called for effective measures to protect correspondents.

Dana Bullen of the United States, speaking for the World Press Freedom Committee, said: "A card in a reporter's pocket will not save him from a sniper or a mob or a fast-moving car." He said newsmen were expelled or jailed not because nobody knew they were reporters. But because people did know.

The conference came in the wake of last year's UNESCO-sponsored report on international communications, headed by former Irish Foreign Minister Sean MacBride. This became a battleground between left and right on the issue of press freedom. Professional organizations of journalists have since met to discuss the issue and on their recommendations.

UNESCO commissioned Pierre Gaborit, professor of political science at the University of North Paris, to draw up a draft plan.

This plan, under study here, suggested that the proposed commission should be compared to non-governmental groups, with governments phased in when appropriate. A passage to which Western delegates strongly objected said: "One of the commission's tasks... should be to equip itself with the means of checking that journalists on dangerous assignments or simply on assignments abroad conform to the generally accepted rules of professional ethics."

Blows exchanged
in Indian parliament

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Indian treasury and opposition members exchanged blows in an unprecedented clash in the Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament) here Tuesday after charges of atrocities on untouchables in some states. Speaker Balram Jhakar, abruptly adjourned the house as members were seen grappling with each other, shortly after the proceedings had begun.

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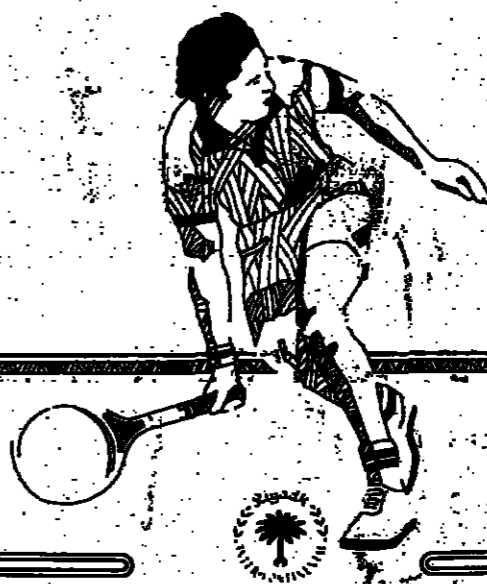
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spionage charges

French attaches expelled by Prague

PRAGUE, Feb. 17 (AP) — Two French military attaches have been asked to leave Czechoslovakia for allegedly espionage activities, informed sources here said Monday. A foreign ministry spokesman earlier said that "several members of the military attaché of the French embassy in Prague" had been asked to leave the country within a reasonable period of time.

Sources in Prague confirmed an earlier government statement that the two attaches had left Prague last week. It is believed that the two Czech attaches had left Paris in the meantime. A terse announcement issued by the French foreign minister in Paris last Friday said it had ordered the Czechoslovak government to withdraw two military attaches from its embassy there.

That statement said two French military attaches had been "detained for several days by police," but did not give details. A spokesman for the foreign ministry then said two French diplomats had been "recalled to Paris."

Indian rioters killed

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (R) — Police shot and wounded two persons and killed two rioters who attacked a government office in Anand Monday, the Western Indian Press (PTI) reported. Police opened fire after a 2,000-strong crowd stormed the sales tax office and burned its furniture, PTI said.

Indefinite curfew was imposed on Anand, the latest town affected by spreading student strikes in Gujarat state, where at least nine persons have died in the last month.

The Czechoslovak state news agency Ceteka Monday quoted the spokesman in Prague as saying that the French officers were found to have performed "activities at variance with recognized norms of international law, provisions of the Vienna convention on diplomatic relations, and Czechoslovak laws."

The official report accused members of the French embassy's military staff of having broken traffic rules and entered off-limits areas several days ago for "intelligence gathering." It also said that the Czechoslovak foreign ministry "resolutely protested against the groundless demand of French authorities that two members of the military department of the Czechoslovak embassy in Paris leave the country."

In December 1980, members of the military department of the French embassy deliberately contravened traffic regulations and penetrated an off-limits military area in Central Bohemia where they carried out intelligence gathering activities, which was proved and documented.

Some of the Soviet troops stationed in Czechoslovakia are believed to be located in central Bohemia. But the communique did not specify which installation the French diplomats allegedly observed.



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME: Pakistan President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq (right), greets Pope John Paul II on his arrival at Karachi airport Tuesday.

Bomb explodes in Karachi before Pope Paul's arrival

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

KARACHI, Feb. 17 — Pope John Paul II Monday escaped what might have been an attempt on his life when three unknown Christians attackers exploded a bomb at Karachi's national stadium where the Pope conducted a mass. But he arrived 20 minutes after the blast which killed the man who carried the explosive device besides wounding his two companions and a police officer.

The crude home-made explosive went off in a scuffle with security men as the three attackers tried to slip into a special enclosure from where the Pope delivered his sermon. From initial police reports it was not clear

whether the two surviving attackers also carried weapons.

The two injured attackers, now heavily guarded in a Karachi hospital, were quickly removed from the scene and a majority of the Christians assembling in this port city from all over the country had no information about the incident. The Pope too was informed of the trouble on his arrival in Manila on the second leg of his Asian tour.

Earlier, the Pope was given a warm welcome. President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq himself received him and the state welcome included a 21-gun salute and an honor guard. The state-run television gave a live telecast of the mass.

U.S. team to rally support of Belgrade over Salvador

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP) — An American diplomatic team is heading to Yugoslavia to try to rally support against what the Reagan administration says is Soviet-bloc military aid for leftist insurgents in El Salvador, informed sources here said.

The former Soviet ally broke with Moscow under the late President Tito and steers a somewhat independent course in foreign policy. The move to persuade the Belgrade government that the Kremlin is arming the Salvadoran insurgents could prove to be irritating to Moscow.

At the same time, though, the Reagan administration wants to encourage independence in Yugoslavia and draw the east European Communist government closer to the West. A second American group led by Gen. Vernon Walters, a former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is going to Latin America, also to rally support for the U.S. position regarding El Salvador, the sources said Monday.

A third delegation planning stops in Belgium, West Germany and Britain is headed by Lawrence Eagleburger, the designated assistant secretary of state for Europe, according to the source. The delegation to

Yugoslavia is headed by Luigi Einaudi, a top policy planner for Latin America in the State Department and a former national security analyst.

Later this week, a "white paper" probably will be issued in the name of Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr., with evidence purporting to show that arms for the insurgents in El Salvador are being supplied by the Soviet Union, Cuba and other Marxist countries, the sources said. Neighboring Nicaragua is believed by some officials to be a principal delivery channel.

The United States is known to be considering a boost in assistance to El Salvador on the theory that if the military-backed government falls to the insurgents the damage could spread to Guatemala and Honduras.

Seven guerrillas were killed when a group of leftist guerrillas attacked a national guard post Monday in San Martin, 16 kms east of San Salvador, the government said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Salvadoran army said 30 unidentified bodies had been found in the capital and other towns around the country. About 30 guerrillas were reported to have attacked the national guard post early in the day, but the onslaught was repelled after a brief shootout.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — French Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand returned from a week's visit to China Tuesday to throw himself into a presidential election campaign in which he is expected to provide the main opposition to incumbent Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

KATHMANDU, (AP) — Two students were killed and 12 others wounded when police opened fire during a clash with student demonstrators Monday at Bimgla, about 230 kms east of Kathmandu in Nepal, informed sources said. The students were protesting what they called "misbehavior" involving some teachers in connection with graduation examinations, the sources said.

SEOUL (AFP) — Some 1,000 politicians are expected to stand for a new 276-member South Korean national assembly election scheduled for March 25, it was reported here Tuesday. President Chun Doo-Hwan's Democratic Justice Party (DJP) has already named its candidates in each of the 92 electoral districts throughout the country.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — Fourteen persons were killed and 15 injured early Monday when a passenger train slammed into the rear of a stationary freight train in northern India, the United News of India (UNI) said. The crash near Daronda station, 800 kms south-east of the Indian capital, overturned five cars and the locomotive of the Barauni-Kanpur passenger train, the agency said.

Leave neutron question as it is, Margaret says

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said the controversial neutron weapon issue should be left "as it is" for the moment. She declined to say whether she agrees with the U.S. suggestions that it should be deployed in western Europe.

Mrs. Thatcher also said Monday there has been misunderstanding about the weapon, which has aroused strong protest from some Europeans who feel it would lower the threshold of nuclear war. At a news conference 20 days before her official visit to the United States, the British leader said she looked forward to closer consultations with U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said earlier this month that America might want to deploy the neutron weapon in western Europe, as originally planned by the Carter administration but later withdrawn. Weinberger and other U.S. officials have said America's allies would be consulted before any decision on the device.

Speaking to American correspondents at 10 Downing St. Mrs. Thatcher said she had received no proposal from the United States about possible deployment of the weapon. "At the moment just leave it as it is," she said.

"I've always thought the phrase 'neutron bomb' is not an accurate one. It is a means of being able to tackle mass armor coming across the NATO line, mass armor which the Warsaw Pact countries indeed have."

The neutron weapon is designed primarily to immobilize attacking tank formations through enhanced radiation, without causing widespread damage to surrounding civilian areas.

On Poland, Mrs. Thatcher said: "The best

service one can make to Poland is to continue to make it perfectly clear that Poland must settle her own problems. That is absolutely vital." She said the West should help with food supplies and financial credits, but "all within the framework that Poland must settle her own problems and must be helped in the interim to have the opportunity to settle them."

Mrs. Thatcher said she hoped her talks with Reagan and other U.S. officials would improve links between Washington and its allies. "We're very ready for consultations at any time should anything occur which needs very quick consultation," she said.

Asked if Reagan's election would result in better relations "across the board," she said it was "very fortunate" that Gen. Alexander Haig is secretary of state. He "after all, knows Europe and NATO extremely well. I just think that he will bring therefore a dimension to the problems from experience which is unique," she said.

U.S. plans new bomber

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — The United States will add construction of a new type of strategic bomber, plus one additional nuclear aircraft-carrier, to the 1982 budget, government sources said Tuesday. Congress approval will be asked for the supplementary credits next month, the sources added.

The new bomber could be a new version of the B-1, canceled by President Jimmy Carter in 1977. A new aircraft-carrier, costing at least \$2,000 million, is in line with new defense secretary Caspar Weinberger's statement that the U.S. navy should be increased from its present strength of 456 ships to 600 in the next few years.

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An agreement has been signed between Al Haydal Trading and Construction Est. and Taiwan Greening Business Company which manufactures "Green Carpet". This agreement granted Al Haydal Est. monopoly on the invention in Saudi Arabia and the Middle East.

The agreement was consummated by a grand celebration party in Riyadh Palace Hotel and was attended by a company representative and a number of celebrated guests. The introduction of this invention to the Kingdom by a national company was a great event. The main aim is to extend the green carpeted area in the Kingdom with the quickest and least expensive methods. Undoubtedly, this invention will enable people to surmount the difficulties of shortage of water and severe climatic conditions. At the same time it saves a lot of energy that is needed by the Kingdom at this stage for other aspects of activity.

"Green Carpet" contains two major portions: specially treated cotton-like fibre and natural grass seeds. The seeds which are blended with fertilizers and a hydroprotective agent are encased between two layers of fibres. The fertilizers and hydro-protective agent are included to supply the essential requirements of budding and growth of grass seeds.

"Green Carpet" has met a wide acceptance on an international level in many countries of the world which have experimented with it and started using it for gardens, stadiums and many other public sites like China, U.S.A., Japan, Korea, Canada, etc., in spite of its recent origins.

Planting of "Grass Carpet" has been successful in almost all types of soil — on valleys, mountainous areas and deserts, and has helped turf and lawn many areas which turned green due to its effects. Thus, it has shown a wide margin of difference between it and traditional methods of greening. Though the main procedure followed in manufacturing it is basically watering grass to make it grow like any other type of plant, the method followed in preparing it makes it grow quicker, stronger and greener.

WHAT CHARACTERIZES "GRASS CARPETS":

In an interview with Sheikh Saud Ibrahim Al Haydal, General Manager of Al Haydal Trading and Contracting Est., he stated: The main characteristics of "Green Carpet" is that it can grow under all climatic conditions — under scorching sun, in hot dry climates and in mud or sand. It can also grow in tropical, semi-tropical and desert regions. This invention which has been carefully experimented with in almost every kind of environment, can grow in all seasons so long as a reasonable amount of care has been given to it. Its average rate of growth is 90%. Sheikh Saud Haydal continues: The components of "Grass Carpet" are 80% Bermuda grass seeds mixed with another portion of excellent grass seeds which have been selected with great care to tolerate humidity. The main advantages of these seeds are that they don't need large amounts of water, can grow easily and quickly and are less demanding in respect to time involved in planting them and caring for them and the amount of soil they need. They don't need more than



LOOKING HAPPY WITH THE PRODUCT

10 days to cover all the area they have been planted in. It is sufficient to spray it with water in a soil bed that is 3 mm. high.

Another characteristic of "Grass Carpet" is that it does not need an expert in agriculture to plant or tend it. This can be an enjoyable hobby to any layman who can perform it without smearing his clothes or the area around the carpet. The seeds, thus planted, can keep water for a longer period and make air around them fragrant, healthy and cool.

Sheikh Saud Al Haydal also points out that there are three types of "Grass Carpet":

1. T-100 which can be used for airport gardens and also as a decorative plant for sites like river banks, roads, railroads, dams, mountains, sandy areas, etc.
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EXPERIMENTING "WITH "GRASS CARPET" IN THE KINGDOM ENVIRONMENT

Sheikh Saud Al Haydal also asserts that "Grass Carpet" has been experimented with in environmental conditions similar to those of the Kingdom. Emirates is one of the countries in which it has been experimented with successfully. The excellent results obtained gave indication of its success in the Kingdom.

In fact, it has been experimented with in "Jabal Abu Mackhroug" Garden in Riyadh. Different samples will also be planted in various regions so that they can be surveyed by both public and experts.

Sheikh Saud Al Haydal adds: "Grass Carpets" can be trimmed within 30 days of planting it and can tolerate

temperature within the levels of 35° - 45°C which makes it suitable for usage in stadiums, gardens, places, etc. It can also last longer. Its life span averages ten years, if it has been carefully tended either by our establishment or by owner. We do not object to the additional duties of maintaining and tending it since we have the necessary equipment for spraying and maintaining it.

We feel proud of having introduced this invention which suits our climatic conditions, lives longer and can cover all areas that are required to be lawned or turfed without leaving gaps.

Another advantage is that it doesn't need gardeners or workers to look after it since it is manufactured more simply than any other plant in the world.

WHAT IS REQUIRED AFTER PLANTING THE SEEDS?:

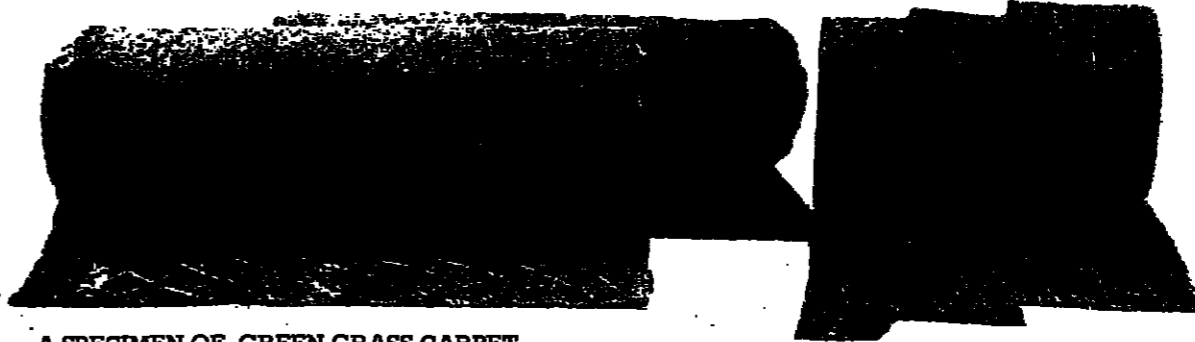
Sheikh Saud Al Haydal continues: the most important thing to perform after planting the seeds is watering and maintenance. It is preferable to use an automatic spray though an ordinary spray can also be used.

The rate of water sprayed will be light like drizzling rain since the plant doesn't require a lot of water. Length and number of times of spray depend mainly on local climatic conditions. Generally speaking, watering plants depend on necessity, in case of equatorial regions two times a day will be sufficient. When the grass reaches a height of 4 cm, it has to be trimmed back to a height of 2 cm, because trimming makes it grow thicker, stronger and greener.

Maintenance is considered an essential factor during the first phase of growth. Regular watering is the most important aspect of maintenance which can lead to a healthy germination, budding and growth of the plant.



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Croft, Garner put West Indies on top

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb. 17 (AP) — The West Indies took a firm grip on their first cricket Test match against England here Monday, taking five wickets for 62 after tea to leave England struggling at 159 for seven replying to a first innings total of 426 for nine wickets.

Fast bowlers Colin Croft and Joel Garner were the architects of the West Indian dominance after they had taken their second day total from 369 for seven to 426 for nine in the first hour before skipper Clive Lloyd declared.

Croft, causing problems for all the batsmen in three separate spells, first had veteran opener Geoff Boycott caught at third slip by Vivian Richards for 30 with his second ball after lunch.

After bowling with no luck and no reward, he returned following the tea interval to remove Geoff Miller for 3 and England captain Ian Botham for a second ball '0' in successive overs. He finished the day with three for 33 from 17 overs in which only left hander David Gower, 47 not out at the close, handled him with a semblance of assurance.

England's problems followed them from the start. Andy Roberts, more recognized as a fast bowler, hammered 24 in one over from England skipper Ian Botham, including three consecutive sixes, an '1' was 50 not out when the declaration was made.

Boycott and Graham Gooch provided England with a promising start-putting 45 before Boycott's dismissal. He was followed at 63 by left handed Brian Rose.

Score-board

West Indies (1st innings): 426 for 9 decl.

England (1st innings):

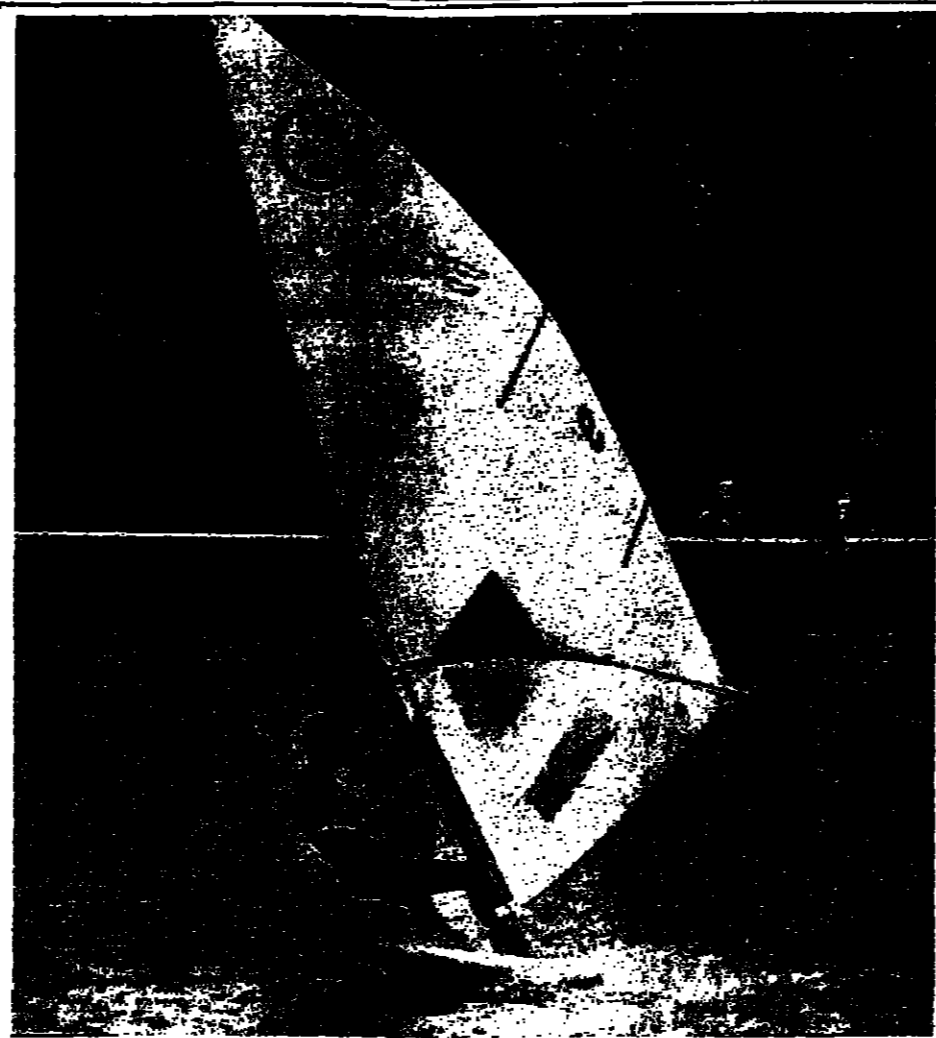
G.A. Gooch b Roberts	41
G. Boycott c Richards b Croft	30
B. Rose c Haynes b Garner	63
D.L. Cover batting	47
G. Miller c Murray b Croft	3
I.T. Botham bow Croft	0
F. Willey bow Garner	13
P.J. Dowson b Croft	4
J.E. Embury b batting	4
Extras	7
Total (for seven wickets)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-68, 3-110, 4-121, 5-127, 6-143, 7-151, 8-159, 9-159.
BOWLING: Roberts 10-2-36-1; Holding 11-3-29-0; Croft 17-4-33-3; Garner 20-4-34-2; Richards 6-2-16-0; Gones 2-1-4-1.

Azad hits unbeaten ton

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Middle-order batsman Kirti Azad hit an unbeaten 127 as the touring Indian cricketers scored 311 for seven at the end of the first day of the three-day match against the Central Districts Tuesday.

Brief scores: Indians 311 for 7 (Srinivasan 37, Sandeep Patil 30, Yashpal Sharma 40, Kirti Azad 127, O'Sullivan 3 for 89).



SMOOTH SAILING: Fred Ostermann on his wind glider surfboard that has been accepted by the International Yachting Union for the 1984 Olympics.

Red Sea pips Pak Saudi to maintain winning run

Fine all-round show by Asim

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Red Sea maintained their winning run in the Ali Reza Cricket League beating Pak Saudi narrowly during the weekend which was highlighted by a splendid all-round performance by Sikandar's Asim.

Red Sea, who have won all their eight matches so far, were restricted by the Pak Saudi bowlers and totaled 147, thanks to Nadin (30), Bari (36) and Zahid (29). But they did well to dismiss Pak Saudi for 126. Amin (20), Zaheer (35) and Naser (22) were the only players to offer any resistance.

In another match, Asim stole the show as

Sikandar scored a 49-run victory over Honda. Asim, after scoring 123 in his sides' total of 233 went on to take 4 Honda wickets at the expense of 50 runs thereby bettering Salim's last week's performance. For Honda, Hamid with 64 was the only batsman to sparkle.

Spearheaded by a well-made 72 by skipper Sahail, Pak Jeddah scored 177 for six in their allotted overs. Khalid, too, chipped in with a useful 27. They then dismissed JCC for 109 to come out victors. Ifran top-scored for JCC with 59.

Shalimar and Yellow Rose gained four points each as their opponents failed to turn up.

Speculation rife over Ellicott's resignation

CANBERRA, Feb. 17 (AFP) — A senior Australian government minister, who failed in an effort to persuade Australian athletes to boycott the Moscow Olympic Games last year, resigned Tuesday.

Bob Ellicott, 53, a top lawyer who was passed over for the job as chief justice of the high court last month, handed in his resignation and was later appointed a judge on the federal court.

The move was announced by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser after a visit to

Governor-General, Sir Zelman Cowen, to inform him of the change.

However, there is wide speculation in Canberra that Ellicott's resignation is the result of his failure to persuade the federal cabinet to give financial backing to an application by Melbourne to host the 1988 Olympic Games.

Melbourne, host to the 1956 Olympic Games, is running a strong campaign to win the 1988 Games, the year of the bicentennial celebrating the British colonization of Australia.

BRIEFS

CARACAS, Venezuela, (AP) — An unidentified bettor earned a record \$1.6 million Sunday in the "5 and 6," the government-run bookmaking game that has become a national passion here. The bettor was the only one to pick the six winning horses in the last six races of the day at the Caracas track.

CARDIFF, (AFP) — Players from seven countries including South Africans, will line-up for the President's TV to take on Wales in the Welsh Rugby Union Centenary spectacular at the Arms Park on April 25. The South Africans are full-back Giv Pienaar and powerful number eight Rob Louw with L. Moolman among the replacements. Springboks' captain Mogmetu Plessis could well have made it three, but he recently announced his retirement from the game.

PERTH, (AFP) — South African batting ace Barry Richards, 35, is considering retirement. The brilliant opener whose international career has been severely limited because his country is barred from top cricket said "I am disappointed at missing the opportunity to play more Test cricket, but I have had a reasonably good innings."

PARIS, (AFP) — The year-old battle over motor racing control between the International Motorsport Federation (FISA) and the

Formula One Car Constructors Association (FOCA) may soon be over. All parties involved in the dispute are to take part in a meeting in Paris starting on Wednesday. Agreement over the Formula One World Championship will have to be reached within three days at the latest.

AMSTERDAM, (AFP) — Three European towns are to compete to be the venue for the World Chess Championship clash between the Soviet holder Anatoly Karpov and his exiled compatriot Victor Korchnoi. The Chess Federations of Iceland, Spain and Italy made their bids when offers were opened here Monday morning by the president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

TOKYO, (AFP) — A field of 18 runners from eight countries and 82 Japanese will compete in the 1981 Tokyo-New York friendship marathon to be held in Tokyo on March 1, the organizers announced Monday.

GENEVA, (AFP) — Peter Muller of Switzerland who was in the lead in the men's Alpine Skiing World Cup when he was injured in a fall in the Downhill at Lauberhorn on January 24 is to return to competition for the Swiss Championship which begins Wednesday.

McKenzie fails to impress

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Horace McKenzie of Cardiff, the only home fighter to have gone the distance with British welterweight champion Colin Jones, failed to repeat the performance at the World Sporting Club here Monday night.

Sixteen months ago McKenzie took his fellow-Welshman the full eight rounds and looked likely to go at least that far again until Jones caught him with a left hook one minute into the seventh round of their scheduled ten-rounder.

Two counts and ninety seconds later it was all over, stopped by the referee to save McKenzie from further punishment. Once again Jones took half a chance and showed his destructive qualities with his left hook.

The fight took place only a few hours after the announcement that Jones will meet Mark Harris of Guyana for the vacant Commonwealth welterweight championship at the Wembley Conference Center in fifteen days time.

In Panama, World Boxing Council junior flyweight champion Hilario Zapata said Monday he is prepared to defend his title in

Los Angeles against challenger Joey Olivo if the money is right.

"If they pay me \$150,000, I will face Olivo in Los Angeles or wherever," Zapata said. On Feb. 8 during a fight here, Olivo failed to answer the bell in the fourth round, saying he could not stand the heat. Zapata also had complained about the heat, and Olivo's handlers have been quoted as saying if the fight in Los Angeles, the results will be different.

It was announced in London that British featherweight champion Pat Coddell, of Watley, will meet the WBA number one contender, Bashaw Sibaca of South Africa, at Wolverhampton Civil Hall on March 9.

It will be the most ambitious fight of Coddell's career since he won a bronze medal in the Canadian Olympics. He turned professional the following year and won a Lonsdale belt outright (three British title wins) after beating David Needham and Jimmy Flint.

It has cost promoter Ron Gray £ 9,000 in purse and expenses to bring Sibaca, nine times South African champion, to Wolverhampton. While Coddell is not rated by the WBA, he is currently number nine with the WBC.

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English soccer shirt ads may spark fresh controversy

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — English soccer clubs would not have to use players' mobile billboards if the government saved off less money from the sport. Football Association (FA) secretary Ted Croker said.

not see it and that it should not be allowed on television."

"But whilst the government, through the pools tax suck money out of football, they can hardly be critical of clubs who look to other means of increasing revenue."

Although league chairmen agreed at a meeting last week to abide by the current agreement which bans shirt advertisements in televised games, Croker sees a fresh controversy looming. The question of allowing shirt ads in European Cup competitions is to be discussed again by UEFA shortly and Croker believes it could lead to top British sides' European games being blanked off the screens unless the TV companies adapt a double standard.

Meanwhile, Nottingham Forest and Ipswich joint favorites to win the English Soccer Cup, were drawn Monday to play each other in the quarter-finals. The clash of the giants will be at Nottingham's City ground March 7.

Forest won the European Cup of Champions two years running. Ipswich is the English team of the moment, going strongly for the big League and Cup double.

As soon as the draw was announced bookies made Forest and Ipswich joint favorites for the trophy at odds of 4 to 1; along with Tottenham Hotspur. Tottenham got a comfortable looking home draw against Second Division Newcastle.

Middlesbrough was drawn at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers in another all-First Division clash.

The English Cup reaches its climax with the final at Wembley Stadium May 9. It is the only major trophy Forest has failed to win since Brian Clough took over as manager of the team and started it on an unprecedented run of success.

Ipswich has already beaten Forest twice this season in the league — 2-1 at Nottingham and 2-0 at Ipswich.

Meanwhile Middlesbrough, a club that has spent long periods in the First Division but never got beyond the quarter-finals in the Cup, has been tipped as a surprise winner.

Wilkins is only British star in European squad

BERNE, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Manchester United's international midfielder player Ray Wilkins is the only British representative in the 16-strong European squad to take part in the 16-team tournament in Italy at Rome on February 25 in aid of the victims of last November's earthquake in southern Italy.

The full squad, to be managed by West German manager Jupp Derwall is:

- Luis Miguel Arconada (Spain — Real Sociedad), Jesus Maria Zamora (Spain — Real Sociedad), Rudikrol (Netherlands — Naples), Zdenek Nehoda (Czechoslovakia — Dukla Praruc), Hagald chumache (West Germany — F.C. Cologne), Manfred Kaltz (West Germany — Hamburg), Bruno Pezzey (Austria — Eintracht Frankfurt), Hansi Mueller (West Germany — VfB Stuttgart), Horst Busch (West Germany — Hamburg), Rene Botteron (Switzerland — F.C. Cologne), Ray Wilkins (England — Manchester United), Jose Antonio Camacho (Spain — Real Madrid), Nenad Stokovic (Yugoslavia — Partisan Belgrade), Eric Jerets (Belgium — Standard Liege), Abid Halhodzic (Yugoslavia — Velez Mostar), Alan Inmonson (Denmark — Barcelona).

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THE RICH FISTS: Sugar Ray Leonard (left) and Ayub Kalule pose in New York Wednesday.

Ayub Kalule confident of beating Leonard

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — He is not much for sight seeing, said Danish newsmen accompanying Ayub Kalule, who was in New York to talk with promoter Bob Arum with regards to his World Boxing Association Junior Middleweight title bout against Sugar Ray Leonard June 19.

The 27-year-old boxer was at the Midtown hotel and that's where he spent most of his time.

Asked how he felt about getting a chance to come to the United States, the unbeaten Kalule, whose only two bouts in his 35-fight career outside Denmark have been in Norway and Japan, said, "I'm just coming to fight, to show the Americans I can fight."

As for Leonard, the glamor boy of U.S. boxing who holds the World Boxing Council welterweight title, Kalule said, "from what I saw of Leonard on film, I feel I can easily beat him."

"The fact that he will get the challenger's end of the purses for his fifth defense did not seem to bother Kalule or his manager Mogens Palle. Both realize that it will be Kalule's biggest paycheck, and Palle said, "we will get the most money in the rematch."

"It is conceivable that Ray may make as much for this night as he did in Montreal (when he got \$9.5 million in losing to Roberto Duran) and Ayub Kalule can set a record for the junior middleweight champion," said promoter Bob Arum of the fight which will be shown on closed-circuit and home pay television in the United States and probably will be part of multi-championship bout card. Ayub Kalule can set a (purse) record junior mid-

dleweight champion."

Arum would like to hold the fight in the new arena, which is being built at the Meadowlands Sports Complex at east Rutherford, New Jersey. If the arena isn't completed in time, the possible sites are St. Louis and the Houston Astrodome.

There is a definite plan to the 24-year-old Leonard's challenging for the junior middleweight title. "I kind a like Ray having two titles and having more opportunity to fight," said Attorney Mike Trainer. The man who has guided Leonard to purses of more than \$20 million.

Trainer feels that Leonard should be able to be a double champion because one title is recognized by the WBC and the other by the WBA and neither group recognizes the other.

But WBC president Jose Sulaiman told ABC radio by telephone from Mexico City that he was "embarrassed" by Leonard agreeing to fight for a WBA title. "He has received the best treatment from the WBC and he made \$20 million as a WBC world champion."

"I think I will have no problem making the welterweight (147-pound — 66.8 K-llimi) or junior middleweight weight (154 pound-70 K)," said Leonard. But when asked if he had eyes on the middleweight title (160 pounds-72.7K) held by Marvin Hagler, Leonard said, "I'm not a full-fledged middleweight and I won't be for a couple of years. I can envision myself as a middleweight but that's the ultimate."

Gottfried moves ahead

Tanner stages fine rally

PALM SPRINGS, California, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Roscoe Tanner of the U.S. seeded number five, overcame compatriot Tom Gullikson in the first round of the Palm Springs Tennis Tournament here. Tanner dropped the first set 6-7 but came back to take the next two sets 6-2, 6-4.

Young French star Thierry Tulasne went down to number eight seed Brian Gottfried of the U.S. 6-4, 6-2.

The four top seeds Jimmy Connors of the U.S., Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, Harold Solomon of the U.S. and Brian Teacher of the U.S. have yet to figure in the action.

In other matches: Eddie Dibbs beat Chris Delaney (U.S.) 6-4, 6-2. Hank Pfister (U.S.) beat Kim Warwick (Australia) 7-6, 6-3.

Meanwhile in Texas fourth-seeded Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia started lowly but finished with a flourish Monday night to defeat erratic Sue Barker of England 6-7, 6-0, 6-4 in a first-round match of the \$100,000 Avon Championship of Houston.

Barker took early command of the match, breaking Jausovec in the first, third, and fifth games to take a 5-1 lead. But faltered later and was forced into the tie-breaker.

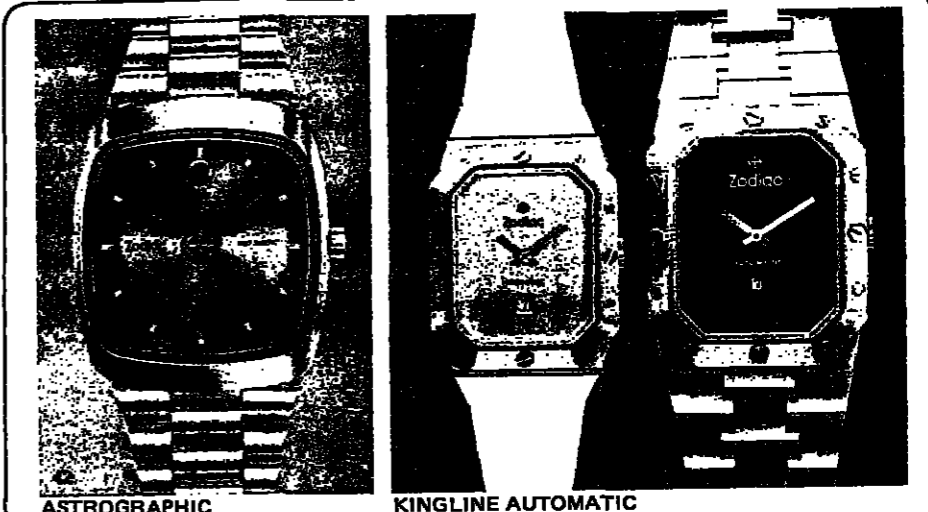
Barker's game deserted her in the second set when she won only five points and lost the 12 in succession.

Her final challenge came when she broke Jausovec in the fourth game of the decisive third set, but the Yugoslav star broke back in the seventh game for a 5-3 lead.

Barker fought off two match points in the ninth game to hold service, but Jausovec won it in the 10th game on the fourth match point when Barker's return of service fell into the net.

Amateur Zina Garrison defeated Heidi Eisterlehner 6-3, 7-5 in a preliminary match.

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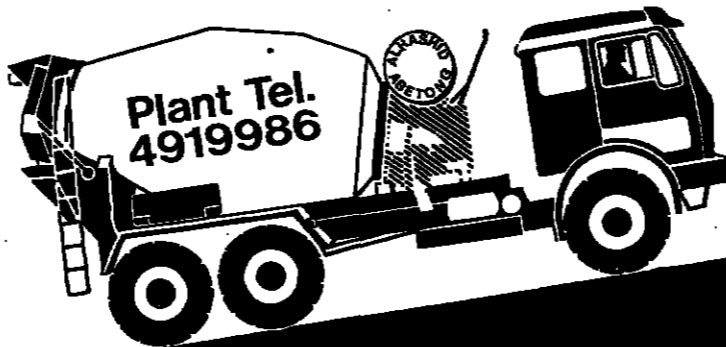
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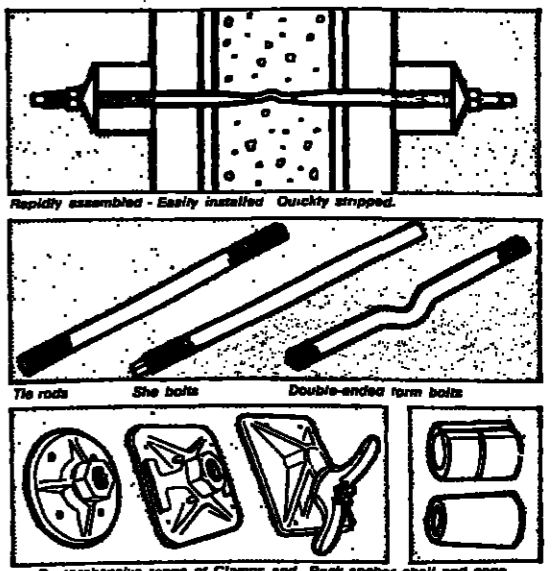
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